

tional Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering, deals with one of the most crucial situations to face this or any other civilization—the immediate or near potential of mankind to damage, possibly beyond repair, the earth's ecological system on which all life depends. The Congress further finds and declares that the international biological program provides an immediate and effective means available of meeting this situation, through its stated objectives of increased study and research related to biological productivity and human welfare in a changing world environment.

(b) Congressional support

The Congress therefore commends and endorses the international biological program and expresses its support of the United States National Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Committee, which together have the responsibility for planning, coordinating, and carrying out the program in the United States.

(c) Priority

In view of the urgency of the problem, the Congress finds and declares that the provision by the United States of adequate financial and other support for the international biological program is a matter of first priority.

(Pub. L. 91-438, §1, Oct. 7, 1970, 84 Stat. 889.)

§ 274b. Cooperation of Federal and non-Federal departments, agencies, and organizations; transfers of funds

(a) Full cooperation with international biological program

The Congress calls upon all Federal departments and agencies and other persons and organizations, both public and private, to support and cooperate fully with the international biological program and the activities and goals of the United States National Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Committee.

(b) Authorization for transfers of funds

For this purpose, the Congress authorizes and requests all Federal departments and agencies having functions or objectives which coincide with or are related to those of the international biological program to obligate or make appropriate transfers of funds to the program from moneys available for such functions or objectives and provide such other support as may be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 91-438, §2, Oct. 7, 1970, 84 Stat. 889.)

§ 275. International Hydrographic Bureau

To enable the United States to become a member of the International Hydrographic Bureau, and for the first annual contribution of the United States toward the creation and maintenance of such bureau, there is hereby appropriated out of money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated \$2,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be paid by the Secretary of State when the exact quota shall have been ascertained.

(Mar. 2, 1921, ch. 113, 41 Stat. 1215.)

ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

Annual appropriations to meet the obligations of membership in various international organizations

were contained in acts listed in a note set out under section 269a of this title.

§ 275a. Permanent International Commission of the Congresses of Navigation; authorization of appropriations

Not to exceed \$45,000 annually of the funds appropriated for rivers and harbors shall be available for the support and maintenance of the Permanent International Commission of the Congresses of Navigation and for the payment in amounts approved by the Chief of Engineers of the expenses of the properly accredited delegates of the United States to the meetings of the congresses and of the Commission.

(June 30, 1948, ch. 771, title I, §107, 62 Stat. 1174; Oct. 27, 1965, Pub. L. 89-298, title III, §306, 79 Stat. 1094; Mar. 7, 1974, Pub. L. 93-251, title I, §93, 88 Stat. 39.)

AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-251 substituted “\$45,000” for “\$22,000”.

1965—Pub. L. 89-298 substituted “\$22,000” for “\$5,000”.

§ 276. Bureau of Interparliamentary Union; American group; authorization of appropriations; disbursements

There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1976 and for each subsequent fiscal year—

(1) for the annual contribution of the United States toward the maintenance of the Bureau of the Interparliamentary Union for the promotion of international arbitration, an amount equal to 13.61 per centum of the budget of the Interparliamentary Union for the year with respect to which such contribution is to be made if the American group of the Interparliamentary Union has approved such budget; and

(2) to assist in meeting the expenses of the American group for such fiscal year, \$90,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Funds made available under paragraph (2) shall be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chairman of the House delegation in the case of delegates from the House of Representatives or the Chairman of the Senate delegation in the case of delegates from the Senate, except that either such Chairman may authorize the executive secretary of the American group to approve such vouchers on his behalf.

(June 28, 1935, ch. 322, §1, 49 Stat. 425; Feb. 6, 1948, ch. 48, 62 Stat. 19; June 20, 1958, Pub. L. 85-477, ch. V, §502(b), 72 Stat. 272; Sept. 4, 1961, Pub. L. 87-195, pt. IV, §710(a), 75 Stat. 465; Aug. 1, 1962, Pub. L. 87-565, pt. IV, §404, 76 Stat. 263; Oct. 7, 1964, Pub. L. 88-633, pt. IV, §401, 78 Stat. 1014; Nov. 14, 1967, Pub. L. 90-137, pt. IV, §402, 81 Stat. 463; Feb. 7, 1972, Pub. L. 92-226, pt. IV, §404, 86 Stat. 34; Oct. 18, 1973, Pub. L. 93-126, §3, 87 Stat. 451; Nov. 29, 1975, Pub. L. 94-141, title II, §204(a), 89 Stat. 762; June 15, 1977, Pub. L. 95-45, §4(d)(1), 91 Stat. 223; Oct. 7, 1978, Pub. L. 95-426, title VII, §710, 92 Stat. 994.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Par. (2). Pub. L. 95-426 substituted “\$90,000” for “\$45,000”.